

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TABOLINA et al.

Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: **10/073,293**

Examiner: Gangle, Brian J.

Filing Date: February 13, 2002

Attorney Ref. No.: US-145O

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACID USING BACTERIA BELONGING  
TO THE GENUS ESCHERICHIA

Confirmation No.: 3493

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    - ii.  Other Amendment and Response filed on March 15, 2007
  - b.  Enclosed
    - i.  Amendment/Reply
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement
    - iv.  Other Petition for 3-month extension
2. Miscellaneous
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of        months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).  
b.  Other
3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.
    - i.  The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii.  Other

- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
- d.  Payment by EFS-Web/RAMPS.

Respectfully submitted,

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